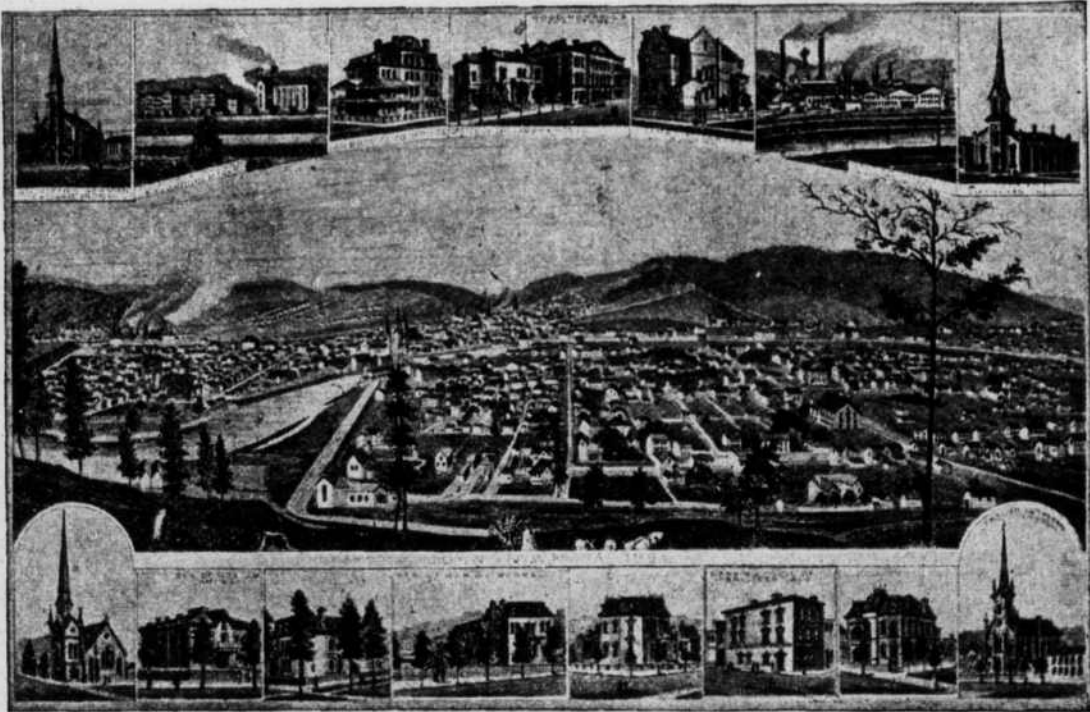


The Tenth Annual National Conference of the Brethren Church
WILL BE HELD AT
Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, 1897.

The sessions of the Conference will be held at Westmont Grove, over 500 feet above the level of Johnstown, and commanding the finest view of the entire valley. The Grove is reached by pleasant walks, two wagon roads and an incline plane that is said to be the safest and the steepest in the world, and is 896½ feet long. The Grove is in itself beautiful; its location is most desirable; abundance of good water is obtainable on the grounds, and the Grove is illuminated at night by electric arc lights. Westmont Grove is only five minutes walk from the center of the city.



We herewith present a bird's eye view of Johnstown, showing in miniature the location of the city and some of its churches and other principal buildings; also, a picture of the South Fork Dam before and after the break that caused the memorable flood of 1889, and two views of the condition in which the central part of the city was left by the flood.



The population of Johnstown and suburbs is 39,000. Electric street car line runs to all parts of the city and suburbs. Johnstown is located near the summit of the Allegheny Mountains, and is an ideal place in which to spend a portion of the heated term. It is on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad and at the northern terminus of the Somerset & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Reduced rates will be given by all railroads. For information regarding accommodations, etc., address,

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Items of Interest.

—There is only one gem which cannot be counterfeited. It is the opal.

—The largest flag in the world was made in 'Frisco for Hawawii, and is eighty feet long. It consumed seven hundred yards of bunting, and will fly from a pole one hundred and fifty feet long.—*Exchange*.

—It is stated that there are more ducks in China than all the world outside of it. They are kept on every farm, on the private roads, and on all lakes, rivers and small streams. There are many boats, on each of which as many as two thousand are kept. Their eggs constitute one of the most important articles of food. There are hatching establishments fitted up for the purpose. Some of them turn out as many as fifty thousand young ducks every year. Salted and smoked ducks are sold in all the towns, and many of them are exported to countries where Chinamen reside.—*Sabbath School Visitor*.

The duration of sunshine in the various countries of Europe was recently discussed at a scientific meeting. It was shown that Spain stands at the head of the list, having on the average 3000 hours of sunshine per year, while Italy has 2300 hours, Germany 1700 hours and England 1400 hours.—*Forward*.

—A writer of authority says: "Science claims that only one person in every fifteen has eyes of equal strength, and that only one in every ten has a left eye which is stronger than the right one."

—It is now a penal offense in the State of New York to print, publish or circulate the portrait or alleged portrait of any individual without his consent.

—Our former ambassador to England, Hon. T. F. Bayard, presented to the Baptists of Wilmington, Del., June 14, a reproduction of the chair John Bunyan used while in jail at Bedford, England, a copy of the charges on which Bunyan was imprisoned, and one of the facsimile copies of the first edition of "Pilgrim's Progress."—*Religious Telescope*.

—It is stated that Mrs. Annie Belden Gage, of New York, when in a hypnotic state, sings Italian and French songs written a hundred years ago, though she can not speak either language when in a natural condition.—*Union Signal*.